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Remarks

In view of the above amendments to the claims, the applicants submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in allowable form.

REJECTIONS

- A. 35 U. S. C. § 102
- 1. Claims 10-11

Claims 10-11 stand rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Oomura (U. S. Patent Publication 2003/0020413 published January 30, 2003). The applicants have cancelled the claims 10-11.

In view of the cancellation of claims 10-11, the basis for the Examiner's rejection thereof under 35 U. S. C. § 102(e), has been removed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the applicants believe that all of the claims now pending in the application are in allowable form. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring an adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in

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the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Ms. Patricia A. Verlangieri, at (609) 734-6867, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

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